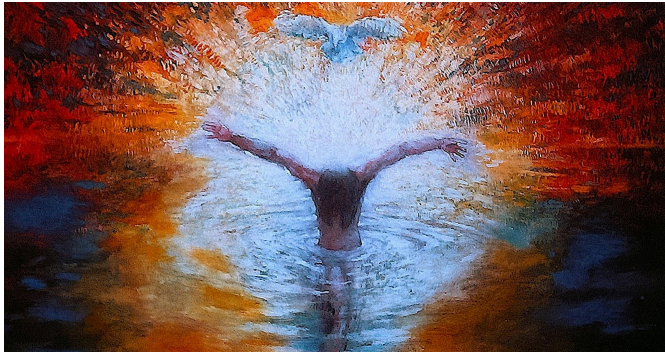




Weekly Parent Update - Spring Week 2

Dear Parents,



In Celebration of the Word this week, we looked ahead to the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, where we heard John the Baptist witness to Jesus as the Christ - the anointed one of God. He describes seeing the Holy Spirit come down and rest on Jesus as he is baptised in the River Jordan.

We have reflected this week on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of responsibility. It is a value that helps us to understand that we are individually and uniquely tasked with supporting the common good, whatever our personal role might be. Children have been working hard this week to make a responsible contribution to our school family: leading prayer times, collecting fruit boxes or handing out equipment.

4J taught us all about what responsibility looks like in the world around us in today's impressive class assembly. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

God bless,
Mr Collins

Online Safety - From St Peter's School



As part of our ongoing partnership with our feeder schools, we are pleased to offer three Online Safety sessions this year. Online safety is an increasingly important issue in today's digital world. Schools and parents must work together to ensure that our young people are protected. The online environment is fast-paced and constantly evolving, so it is vital that we keep our knowledge and understanding up to date. Please see the poster with full details attached.

Penalty Notice for absence during term time



Taking your child out of school during term time for holidays or other non-exceptional reasons is considered unauthorised absence, unless approved by the Headteacher under exceptional circumstances.

A Penalty Notice of £80 within 21 days, or £160 within 28 days, will be issued if your child has:

- 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 full school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period
- These sessions can be consecutive or non-consecutive, and may include late arrivals after the register closes

Regular attendance plays a crucial role in helping children develop resilience, maintain routines, and stay connected to their learning and friendships. Missing school even for minor illnesses can quickly add up and impact progress, confidence, and social development. We are here to support you in making the best decisions for your child. You can see St Joseph's [Attendance Policy](#) in full on our website.

From Surrey County Council



Support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism. On behalf of Surrey County Council's All Age Autism Strategy, the Autism Outreach Service is coordinating a series of support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism or suspected autism in Surrey.

Each programme includes six sessions of 2½ hours, delivered by experienced professionals through a mix of in-person and online formats. [To book](#), parents must either live in Surrey or have a child who attends a Surrey-based setting.

School Development Fund - Please Donate



Donations to our [School Development Fund](#) help to improve the access to facilities and resources for all our children. Making a contribution will help us to achieve some of our upcoming dreams for the children of St Joseph's:

- Revitalised Early Years environments
- Upgraded Infant Playground equipment
- A Junior Library rebuild

Thank you for investing in the future of our community!

Upcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st January

Reception's "Little City" Day

Thursday 22nd January

Year 5 to Winchester Science Museum

Friday 23rd January

2N's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5G Swimming

Monday 26th January

Year 5 Parents RSE Meeting - 3:20pm

Thursday 29th January

Pied Piper Theatre - Infants

Friday 30th January

Parent Prayer Group - 9:00am - All are welcome!

1T's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5G Swimming